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December 31, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDGAR:

Subject: CIG Projects -- September-December 1946.

1. Coordination of Collection of Biographical Intelligence.
Completed. Allocates responsibilities for collection, provides local biographical file, and later central file in CIG.
2. Foreign Industrial Establishments.
Plans completed. Provides for centralization of all intelligence on foreign industrial establishments by IBM following assembly by special teams searching agency files.
3. NIR-China.
Completed except for final agency action. Provides for periodic announcements to foreign missions of current national intelligence requirements. It is proposed next to undertake NIR for USSR, Middle East, and Korea. Collection plan to implement NIR-China not yet completed.
4. Plan for Coordination of Collection of Foreign Intelligence.
Completed. Establishes general instructions for coordination of collection, and a collection organization with coordinator in each mission. Allocation of collection responsibilities provided only in general.
5. Plan for Coordination of Intelligence Production.
First draft completed. Requires study by ad hoc committee and preparation of NID by working group.
6. Plan for Coordination of Dissemination of Foreign Intelligence.
Exploratory meeting held. No progress achieved in formulation of plan.
7. JCS-JIC-CIG Relationship.
Original plan submitted by ONI. Counter-proposal prepared in CIG modified by ONI generally approved by CIG. JIC independently formulated separate plan unacceptable to CIG.
8. Washington Document Center.
Transfer to CIG completed 1 December on request from War and Navy Departments.
9. SDS and GMDS.
Transfer to CIG requested by War Department. CIG planning to take over on 1 April.
10. Security Control of USBBS files.
Arrangements completed for transfer of files to National Archives upon USBBS completion of indexing. CIG will maintain security control of files by clearing personnel desiring access to files.

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11. SWNCC-CIG Relationship.

Provides for CIG members to sit on SWNCC sub-committees. SAB-CIG relationship not yet determined. MIC-CIG relationship agreed upon.

12. Clearance of Intelligence Estimates prepared in CIG.

IAB agencies agreed to assign liaison officer in ORE with authority to pass on all CIG estimates.

13. Central Contact Register. Exploitation of U.S. Commercial Firms.

Plans completed.

14. Centralization of static intelligence.

STATSPEC ONI submitted plan referred to working committee which was unable to come to agreement.



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██████████ submitting outline of proposed study. CIG expected to employ him on a non-responsibility basis.

17. Exploitation of Captured Document Repositories for material related to psychological warfare.

Information being assembled. No decision reached yet.

18. Foreign Port Data.

Request from Joint Merchant Ship Statistics Board expected for assistance in coordinating intelligence on foreign port data and establishment of central repository for processing material.

19. Standardization of transliteration of foreign geographical and proper names.

Requested agencies to adhere to system of Board on Geographical Names.

20. Defense Project.

Status unknown.

21. Acquisition of Foreign Publications.

Committee formed under Head Librarian of Library of Congress. Implementation completed soon after reporting of present Director of Central Intelligence. Navy Lieutenant Commander on this committee informed me that committee's accomplishments are practically nil.

22. Liaison plan with agencies.

Under preparation in CIG.

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23. Intelligence Terminology.
IAB agencies requested to submit definitions. None yet received.
24. Central Register of all intelligence reports.
Understand plans made for acquisition of IBM.
25. CIG representation at international meetings.
Plans made for CIG members to attend international meetings as a source of foreign intelligence.
26. Preparation of handbooks.
Under discussion for some time. If plan for coordination of production materializes CIG will probably assume responsibility for NID which will be on same lines.

General Remarks:

Whereas accomplishments in the coordination and planning field have been slow, progress has frequently been achieved in external failures. The very existence of a coordinating activity which brings together the representatives of participating intelligence agencies for roundtable discussions succeeds in acquainting each agency with the special interests, requirements and objectives of the others. Gradually this process tends to increase confidence one with the other to the end that ultimately inter-dependence may be achieved. By inter-dependence the vast volume of useless duplication may be eradicated and essential gaps filled.

The most encouraging feature of CIG's current efforts has been the gradually increasing acceptance on the part of all agencies to general coordination procedures which in detail may still be unacceptable. Gradually, it is noted, the details to which there was at first hard-shelled opposition are being considered with increasing tendency toward agreement.

It is believed essential, in order to achieve the aims of CIG, that following upon agreements on allocations and centralization within CIG of those functions common to several agencies reorganizations of the intelligence agencies be accomplished so that each concentrates only on those functions which have been allocated to it, and that a standardized organization is established with standard filing systems for all.

So long as intelligence agencies operate under separate government departments, it is essential that a strong central coordinating unit constantly working toward bringing them together and toward the prevention of any breeches which would be bound to occur otherwise.

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